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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 28, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two-months to expire on March 28, 2004, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/4285.X1/BTP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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chamber, each load lock chamber and the transfer chamber, the chamber trays each having a plurality of facility connections which are in fluid communication with the facility connections of the plumbir g tray, as recited in the base claims and those dependent therefrom, including new claims 38-49 which depend from one of the base claims. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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